

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4118
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REPLACEMENT OF OLD TELEPHONE INSTRUMENTS
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for replacement of old and outdated telephone instruments all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to replace 90% of life expired telephone instruments working as on 31.3.1996 within next two years.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has planned to replace all telephone instruments which are older than 5 years in a phased manner.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.